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SUBJECT: DPC AGENDA ITEM IV: CEP-CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING AS A
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REF: A. USNATO 0799

B. STATE 35160 (NOTAL)

1. AT DPC MEETING FEB 18, AMBASSADOR BRUCE MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT
UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO URGE HIGH LEVEL PRIORITY ATTEN-
TION BY ALLIES TO US PROPOSAL FOR IMPROVED CIVIL PLANNING IN
ALLIANCE:

BEGIN TEXT.

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING IS AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT
ELEMENT OF NATOS DEFENSE POSTURE, ESPECIALLY IN THE LIGHT OF
GROWING RESOURCE SHORTAGES AND ECONOMIC PRESSURES ON DEFENSE
BUDGETS. IN AN EFFORT TO STIMULATE ACTION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE
FOR IMPROVED PLANNING TO USE CIVIL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT NATOS
CONVENTIONAL CAPABILITY, THE US ON FEBRUARY 4 INTRODUCED IN
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THE MILITARY COMMITTEE A MEMORANDUM SUGGESTING A COURSE OF ACTION
TO IMPROVE CIVIL/MILITARY PLANNING. WE HAVE ASKED THAT THE
MILITARY COMMITTEE CONSIDER OUR PROPOSAL AS A MATTER OF URGENCY.

I AM HAVING COPIES OF THAT PROPOSAL DISTRIBUTED TO YOU TODAY. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PROPOSAL SUGGESTS THAT MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS INCLUDE ANNEXES IN CONTINGENCY AND OPERATIONS PLANS SPECIFYING SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS THAT CAN BE MET BY CIVIL RESOURCES, AND THAT THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE COLLABORATE IN PREPARING THESE ANNEXES. THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES A REQUIREMENT FOR THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND THE CIVIL AGENCIES INVOLVED TO SUBMIT TO THE MILITARY COMMITTEE PERIODIC REPORTS ON THE PROGRESS OF THIS COORDINATED PLANNING EFFORT.

I URGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE TO GIVE HIGH-LEVEL PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THIS US PROPOSAL. THE US WILL ALSO REQUEST AGREEMENT OF THE COUNCIL TO LEVY A PERIODIC PROGRESS REPORT REQUIREMENT ON BOTH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE. END TEXT.

2. ASKED BY ACTING SYG PANSA TO COMMENT ON US INTERVENTION, ADMIRAL SIR PETER HILL-NORTON (MC CHAIRMAN) ACKNOWLEDGED USDEL MC SUBMITTED FORMAL PROPOSAL TO MILITARY COMMITTEE, AND THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE US PROPOSAL IMS HAS ALREADY PRODUCED A DRAFT PAPER SUMMARIZING THE US PROPOSAL AND LISTING PREVIOUS STUDIES AND WORK CURRENTLY UNDERWAY. SIR PETER SAID THAT IN ESTABLISHING FACTS IMS HAS FOUND THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 18 STUDIES IN PROCESS AND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS DEALING WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING. SIR PETER ADDED THAT IN HIS JUDGEMENT, THE MC MUST COORDINATE THE WORK BEING DONE THROUGHOUT NATO. THE MC WILL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE DPC JUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. AT THE REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR MENZIES (CANADA) THE US DISTRIBUTED TO ALL DELEGATIONS THE TEXT OF AMBASSADOR BRUCES STATEMENT.
BRUCE.

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